

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

On Friday, February 16, 2001, I called Richard Monzyk ([REDACTED] home phone number) to request the opportunity to interview him in person during the week of February 19, 2001. The phone call was initiated at 1:10 p.m. and ended at approximately 1:40 p.m.

I started the conversation by identifying myself and explaining that I would like to meet with him in person on February 22nd or 23rd to ask him questions about New Haven Manufacturing Company's (NHMC) operations. Mr. Monzyk stated that he had been interviewed by numerous people over the years about the operations of NHMC and he saw no point in discussing it again. He stated that while he didn't care to meet with me he would answer questions over the phone. I explained to Mr. Monzyk that I wanted to ask him questions about matters that he had not been asked about before, and that specifically, I wanted to ask him questions about NHMC's relationship with Kellwood Company, Hawthorn Manufacturing, and Hawthorn Fabricating.

With regard to the relationship between NHMC and Kellwood, Mr. Monzyk told me that while Kellwood was a large, and at times the sole, customer of NHMC, NHMC operated independently of Kellwood. He told me that Kellwood would provide specifications for its tent frames, but as to how the work was to be performed, that was up to NHMC. He told me that Kellwood did not require that NHMC employ any particular processes but that it was interested in the end product being suitable for its purposes. He told me that representatives of Kellwood seldom visited that Cottonwood facility unless NHMC needed some engineering help; then Kellwood would send an engineer down to assist. He stated that Kellwood never provided the Perclene that NHMC used, that NHMC purchased that on its own from a vendor whose name he could not recall.

Mr. Monzyk stated that in 1952 (he thought) he was visiting Kellwood's facility in St. Louis and saw a vapor degreaser in operation. He said that he told someone at Kellwood that he would like to obtain a vapor degreaser for NHMC and that someone at Kellwood told him that they would send one to him. He couldn't recall who he had spoken to. He stated that Kellwood sent a vapor degreaser to NHMC in 1952, but that didn't think Kellwood ever charged NHMC for it. He said that Perclene was one of the solvents that could be used in the unit. He said that Kellwood did not suggest the use of any particular solvent in the unit but that Kellwood used Perclene so when NHMC received the degreaser they too used Perclene. He said that up until that time NHMC did not use Perclene. He also stated that Kellwood didn't show him how to operate it or install it - that "anyone with any commonsense could have figured it out".

He said that the used Perclene from the degreaser was typically placed in drums and sent to the old east city landfill. He said that used solvent may have been dumped on the ground outside the facility, but that this was atypical. He said that he knew people occasionally took it home (Laune) but that the waste Perclene was usually "sludgy" and that he thought that it would have had limited use for people who used it to clear drains. During this time Perclene was also used in swaging operations. He said that NHMC used the degreaser for "a couple years" then it

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converted to a non-solvent based system. He stated that the degreaser was disposed of and was not part of the equipment taken to the Industrial Drive facility. He stated that he worked for American Recreation Products and Metalcraft Enterprises, and that there were no solvent degreasers used in their operations but that Perclene was still used in buckets for swaging.

With regard to the Hawthorne entities Mr. Monzky told me that, as with Kellwod, NHMC worked independently of them.

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